**DISTANCE SCOUTING PROGRAMME 12**

**(5 JUNE 2020)**

**“HOME SWEET HOME – THE FINAL STRETCH”**

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| **You have until 19h00 on Friday 12 June 2020 to complete this programme. Follow the instructions carefully and you will be marked “present” for the programme, earn points for your patrol and hopefully compete some advancement and prepare for upcoming programmes and camps. More importantly, HAVE FUN!!!** |

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| **Equipment required for programme:**   * A cellphone with internet access and WhatsApp access to your patrol WhatsApp Group. * String, elastic, cloth, scissors, cotton, needle etc (items to make a mask) * Paper and a writing implement * Your personal journal |

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| **The PL should, as always, designate who is doing what and, if nobody is doing an item (such as posting a training video) do this item so that the patrol can complete the programme.** |

Your time locked in isolation in a hotel is rapidly coming to an end, and you cannot wait to get back home.

Your preparations to make sure that your patrol is ready to meet the challenge are coming along nicely. You are a lot fitter after the Amazing Race and you managed to make contact with another scout group, who raised a flag to salute yours, but who remain a tad doubtful as to whether you are actually scouts (more about this later)!

Well done to those of you who completed your patrol good turn. If you didn’t, it’s never too late to help out!

Finding all of the animals in your patrol member’s sketch was tricky. He has pointed them out to you and now you can’t believe you missed them the first time you looked at the sketch. If you look closer you may find other objects, like a carrot in the tree trunk, a balloon in the hat and some others.

Congratulations to the winner of the Amazing Race at 1st Bedfordview – Jarod Nunn with a time of 14.44. A separate document will be sent out with this programme setting out everyone’s times.

An even bigger congratulations to Shannon Adendorf of the 1st Edenvale Girl Troop, who put in an amazing time of 13.43 – the fastest time in the Northrand District! 1st Edenvale Girls would like to extend a challenge to everyone else in the District to try and better this time over the next week. Will you pick up the challenge? You can better your time and redeem the honour of the troop. Post your new and improved time on your patrol WhatsApp group.

More important than beating Shannon (or trying to beat Shannon) is beating yourself, so bonus points will be awarded to anyone who betters their time from last week or who takes part in the Amazing Race for the first time. Keep a track of your time as this can count towards the “Hike to Mafikeng” (see the announcements section below).

**INSPECTION:**

You anticipate having your quarantine end next week and cannot wait to get back home. Are you ready to go out into the big bad world though?

**This counts towards Item 5 of your Covid-19 Awareness Badge. For the full requirements visit** <https://www.scouts.org.za/2020/05/26/covid-19-awareness-badge/>

Make a simple face mask using materials that you find at home and post a photo of you wearing it on your patrol WhatsApp group.

Your parents can give you advice on its manufacture, but the mask should be your work. There are plently of sites out there which can give you tips on how to make a mask, try visiting one or more of the following. The first is by a scout in the USA:

<https://katu.com/news/local/wilsonville-boy-scout-gives-diy-guide-on-making-face-mask>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uRfhuRNua_E>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m6xtdrrAvlM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ljLYHedxyU>

**GAME:**

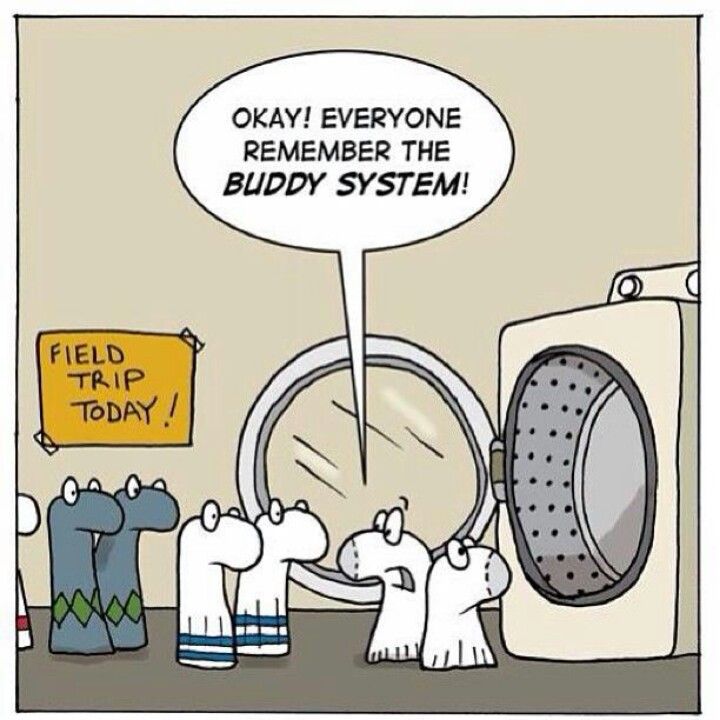
The other patrol that you made contact with last week does not believe that you are scouts. They have sent you this word search, which has 22 words and phrases to do with the Scout Promise and Law. Can you find all 22 and prove that you know your Promise and Law in the process?

Words can be up, down and diagonal in any direction (ie some are spelt backwards!) As you get a word, post it on your Patrol WhatsApp group.

What is the world coming to when Scouts doubt one another?

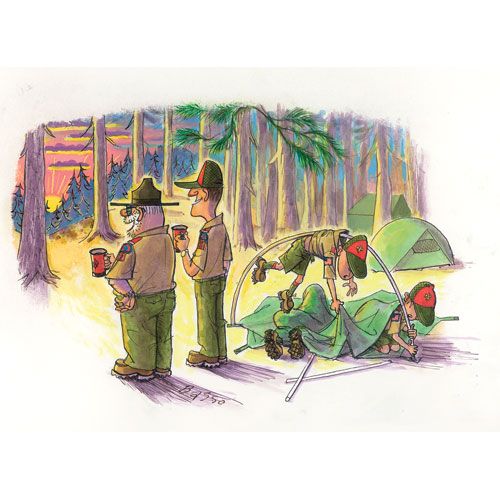
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**FINAL PREPARATIONS:**

The world has changed a lot since you were last home and you decide to make some final preparations to ensure that you are going to be safe going home.

**This covers Traveller Safety Awareness Item 1i. See pg 115 of “My Scout Journey” for more information on the buddy system.**

**If you have not yet finished your Traveller Safety Theme badge** put together a small skit (play) with someone in your family demonstrating the buddy system and how important it is. Post a short video (2 min max) of your skit on your patrol WhatsApp group.

**If you have finished your Traveller Safety Theme badge but have not finished your Discoverer Safety Theme badge** put together a safety training video on safety in a campsite. Ensure that your video includes proper visuals and is a bit more that you taking to your patrol. Maybe set up a small campsite at home and talk your patrol through the potential safety pitfalls of camping. If that isn’t an option look at drawing pictures or making a model campsite and take your patrol through campsite safety issues. Post the video (no more than 5 minutes in length) on your patrol WhatsApp group.

**This covers part of Discoverer Safety Awareness Item 2i.**

**If you have finished your Discoverer Safety Theme badge but have not finished your First Class Safety Theme badge** run a patrol meeting with your patrol over a platform like Zoom, Discord or Teams where you discuss abuse and bullying over the internet and how to protect yourself and friends from cyber bullys. Invite one of your scouters to listen in on the meeting (the scouter should not take part in the conversation) and post a brief summary of the meeting on your patrol WhatsApp group after the meeting has concluded.

**This covers First Class Safety Awareness Item 2i. This will require a lot of research on your part, chat to your TS before you run your meeting to check that you have covered everything!**

Scouts Canada has a website with some basic internet safety tips, maybe visit it before your meeting to help prepare yourself, although this focusses more on internet safety than cyper bullying:

<https://www.scouts.ca/scoutinglife/2016/10/cyber-safe-scout/?scrolled=true>.

**PREPARING YOURSELF:**

Last week you should have identified an item that you want to tackle towards your own personal advancement and posted it on your patrol WhatsApp group. If you didn’t do this, identify the item now and post it on your patrol WhatsApp Group, the only proviso being that you cannot choose one of the advancement items covered by this programme (choose something new).

Either complete this identified item (if it is capable of being completed under lockdown) OR if the item cannot be completed under lockdown fully plan for the item so that when lockdown ends you can complete the item without any further planning (other than possibly a permit and confirmation of a date and booking). If you chose an item last week that is covered by this week’s programme lucky you, you will earn extra points if you do an additional item to the one covered by this week’s programme.

This item counts for a large amount of points in this week’s programme and must see you actively doing something towards your advancement during this week.

For example, if you had previously planned your First Class Hike and put that as the item you want to look at for advancement, find a new item and do that instead, there is nothing further to do and the purpose of this item is to get you to do something.

Remember that under the new system scoutcraft and interest badges often count towards advancement and by completing a scoutcraft or interest badge you could also be working towards your advancement.

**GOING HOME:**

Your time away from home and normality has made you realised just how lucky you are. Though the lockdown will be difficult, you know you can make it through this challenge.

To help keep up your spirits and those of your patrol members, write up five things that you are thankful for in your life and post them on your patrol WhatsApp Group. Remember those things in the difficult times ahead and keep up the eighth part of the Scout Law – “A Scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties”.

**BLOGS:**

By now you know the story with updating your patrol blogs and personal diary. Bonus points will be awarded to patrols who continue to update their patrol blogs.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* SCOUTS South Africa has challenged each troop to take part in a hike to Mafikeng. BP was in charge of Mafikeng (now Mahikeng) during the Second Anglo-Boer / Anglo-South African War. In order to get to his post he would have travelled from Cape Town, some 1 290km away. The challenge is for the troop to complete this distance, for which we will receive a certificate. Go out each day and make a note of how far you “hike”. Together we need to try and reach 1 290km before 1 August 2020. If you personally complete 20km, you will get a badge. Details of the challenge can be found at <https://www.scouts.org.za/hike-mahikeng-challenge/>

The troop would like to issue out two special challenges:

1. Can your patrol cover the 1 290km before 1 August 2020? 100 points to each patrol that achieves this feat.
2. Can you personally complete the 1 290km before 1 August 2020? 100 points to each patrol member that completes this feat and a special prize at the end of lockdown.

Remember that the distance for The Amazing Race was done under lockdown and so it counts towards the Hike to Mafikeng.

* Applications for the National Senior Scout Adventure are now open. If you are going to be 15 or older please message your PL that you want to take part and register at <https://cederbergadventure.co.za/>. **DO NOT PAY A DEPOSIT YET!!!**
* A reminder that SCOUTS South Africa has made branded facemasks available at a cost of R40,00 per mask, excluding delivery. Visit the online scout shop at <https://shop.scouts.org.za/> to place your order.
* The Northrand Scout District is running a competition for all NORTHRAND Scouts. The Northrand Scout that earns the most interest and/or scoutcraft badges during the lockdown will win a prize worth roughly R150,00. Can you be the best in the district and scoop the prize?

SCOUTS South Africa has developed a Covid-19 awareness badge. Are you up to the challenge? Visit <https://www.scouts.org.za/2020/05/26/covid-19-awareness-badge/> for information on the requirements.

* This Distance Scouting Programme is an experiment. We would appreciate constructive feedback on the programme. Please send this to [andrew.campbell@scouts.org.za](mailto:andrew.campbell@scouts.org.za).

**TROOP DISMISSED!**

